



Citizen Corps Council
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**MEETING MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

PRESENT: Greg Begin, Paul King, Peter Buono, Fred Ventresco, Ray Eaton, Sharon DeStefano, William Stafford, Dick Butt and Paul Marsh

GUEST: None

AGENDA: The purpose of this meeting is to:

Draft minutes from May, June and November
Workers Comp
New Business

Meeting called to order @ 0835 by Chairman Begin.

Bill made a motion to accept the May, June and November 2007 minutes with the grammatical corrections. Motion was seconded by Paul King. Fred and Ray abstained. Motion carried.

Fred opened the conversation about the workers comp issue. He had called CIMA, the company that Volunteer NH is going to be using. Fred added he has not received a call back. Sharon advised the women's auxiliary is covered by the new policy the FD just received. Peter mentioned the new EOP. CERT is to be used in fourteen of the sixteen EFS's. If the insurance issue is cleared up who will fill in where CERT was. Paul King asked for input from the Fire Chief on this issue. Chief Begin asked Fred to get in touch with the Fire Chief to find out if he is planning to use CERT once the insurance issue is resolved. Dick asked if there are other underlying issues. Dick referenced the flood at the library and how CERT could have been called by the FD.

Chief Begin suggested that money from the Emergency Management budget be used to pay for a policy for CERT. Paul King agreed. The cost for the policy would be approximately \$10 per person. Fred was told by Primex that any person who is part of an appointed committee is covered as long as they are working in the realm of their job function. Peter clarified what Fred stated and asked why CERT is not covered. Fred

agreed that it seems CERT would be covered by that statement but they are not and he agreed that we need a legal opinion on this but the BOS will not permit Fred to pursue that. Some of the CCC members did not receive the information about the insurance so Peter will forward this to all. After more discussion Paul King made a motion to get an estimate from the insurance company and if it does not exceed \$300.00 he will cover the cost from his budget. Motion was second by Dick. All were in favor.

Peter asked Chief Begin if whoever prints the calendar for reserving the room could put the CCC and CERT meeting times on them. Sharon reminded everyone that the room is only free if the FD does not need it. Chief Begin will have Donna Matheson add the CCC and CERT meeting dates to the calendar.

Bill updated the CCC on the reverse 911. The state is looking into a state-wide program and Bill will keep us posted.

Dick asked about emergency notification. Peter said he has been trying to keep that feature in the cable. Fred added that Comcast will not agree. It appears they are only allowing the larger cities like Manchester and Concord to have that feature. Paul King added that if the emergency is medical in nature then it would be broadcast on the news and radio. If it is a local emergency then we would do the best we could by using CERT. Chief Begin added they have PA's that could be used.

Dick asked for an update from the last meeting about the hold harmless forms. Peter stated that CERT will not sign it because after reading it all CERT members felt they were giving up their rights to pursue legal action should they need it. Also he added that the way the form reads, should you sign it you are giving up the liability insurance. Fred agreed the form is unclear and he suggested that it not be signed. Fred added the intent of this form is for volunteers that are not appointed to committee's to sign.

Dick mentioned that when the CERT program was explained it was not going to cost the town any money. By money from the EM budget being used for CERT seems like it is costing the town. Peter said that the state is looking into insurance for CERT and the fee would come from the grant money Volunteer NH supplies. Paul King asked if we could do that now. Peter will check with Volunteer NH. Peter asked if grant money cannot be used could money from the EM budget be used. Paul King agreed to use his budget if the state will not allow grant money to be used. Peter asked if this can be done without having another meeting. All agreed that Paul King can go ahead if needed. Dick suggested Paul check with the BOS first.

Peter made a motion to keep the current CCC and board. Bill seconded. All were in favor.

Ray made a motion to adjourn and it was second by Paul Marsh. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 0950.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Buono